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James Welch¹¹⁶⁹
Res. March 24th, 1835,

Filed Augt. 30th, 1836,

See claim N^o. 692. Res.

March 17, 1835.

Admitted, I certify

N^o. 149. J. P. Sept. 14, 1836,

I sent M. Humphrey Esq

per mail Sept. 12, 1836,

M. Humphrey Esq
Esq

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

I *James Welch of Gray* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, aged ~~thirty two~~ *thirty two* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March 17th, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' " that I enlisted in the town of *York* in the County of *York* Maine in 1780 under Capt. *Bragdon* for eight months, which time served and was honourably discharged at *Camden (Me)* I again enlisted at said *York* in the year 1781 for three years service in the *Massachusetts* line under Capt. *Joshua Powell*, and after serving at *Boston*, *New Boston* *Houlton* on the *Hudson*, *Kings Ferry*, *Verplanck Point* and at *Philadelphia* I returned to *West Point* where I was honourably discharged at or near the expiration of the three years.

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of *York* in the County of *York*

and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in *Gray* aforesaid, where I have resided for *seventeen* years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or from the State of Maine for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

James Welch

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.....Subscribed and sworn to this *nineteenth* day of *August* 1836
BEFORE ME,
Merbach Humphrey Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

of _____ in the County of _____
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby
constitute and appoint _____ of _____ my true and lawful
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a
"Resolve additional to a Resolve passed March seventeenth in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revo-
lutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' " to the benefit of which Resolve
I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said
certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were
I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand
and seal this _____ day of _____ A. D. 183

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

STATE OF MAINE.

ss.

Be it Known, that on this _____ day of _____ 183 ,
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared
above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed,
to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Justice of the Peace.

M. Humphrey P. M. Gray Sept 24 - Dine

William Woat for Off

P. M.
Augusta
Me

M. Humphrey

Sept 24, 1836

Gray Sept 24-1836

Mr. Woot Dear Sir Mr. James Welch for
the benefit of the resolute of March 7-1836 was
duly received

yours &c

Michael Kearney

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C. Michael Humphrey Postmaster ^{August 9} ~~May~~

William Warr Jr Esq
Augusta

Gray August 9. 1836

Si yours of the 3 Inst was received and is before me.
Saying that James Welch must prove more service
of his claim to the benefit of the Resolves of March 1835
can not be allowed. Si the venerable relics
of the glorious revolution are few & scarce, those
who survived the battle strip of that eventful epoch
have since mostly joined their companions who
fell so gloriously defending the rights of man: hence
it is extremely difficult for him to procure proof.
He has been a cripple for the last 20 years. He says
he will be contented with the \$50 provided for
by the resolves of 1836 - if the evidence of services
already produced by him are not sufficient
to entitle him to that you will do a favour
by informing me as soon as convenient

Yours with high esteem

Charles Humphrey

Wm. Noat Jr. Esq

J. Welch, ⁴⁹²

Res. March 17, 1835,

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Filed July 9, 1836,

Rejected - upon application

Nº 169. Res. March 24,

1836. being filed,

M. Humphrey Gray

I *James Welch* of *Gray* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, aged *seventy three* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I enlisted in the *Town of York* in the County of *York (Maine)* in the Spring of *1780* under *Capt Bragdon* for eight months service, that I served the eight months and was honourably discharged at *Camden (N.H.)* and I further say that Early in the year *1781* (I think in January) I enlisted for three years service in the *Massachusetts Line* at said *York*, under *Capt Joshua Powell* at or near the expiration of said three years I was honourably discharged at *West Point in New York*.

I do further on oath declare that at the time of my said enlistment, I was an inhabitant of *York* in the County of *York* aforesaid

and was on the 17th day of March, 1835, have been ever since, and am now an inhabitant of the State of Maine, residing in *Gray* aforesaid, where I have resided for *seventeen* years past. That neither I, nor any one claiming under me, has ever received a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for my said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the benefit of said Resolve.

James Welch

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss....Subscribed and sworn to this *seventh* day of *July* 183 *6*.
BEFORE ME,
Neshaak Humphrey
Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

James Welch of *Gray* in the County of *Cumberland* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the preceding declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Merbach Henningsen* of *Gray* my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *seventh* day of *July* A. D. 1836

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Daniel Hall
Thos. Hancock

James Welch

STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland ss.

Be it Known, that on this *seventh* day of *July* 1836, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *James Welch* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by him signed, to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Daniel Hall Justice of the Peace.

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To the Honorable William Widgery, one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Respectfully shows, James Welch of Cape Elizabeth in the Maine District, that he served as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution for the term of three years nearly, on the continental establishment, that he yet is a resident citizen of the United States at Cape Elizabeth aforesaid, and that by reason of your applicant's reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support. being now fifty four years of age. And your applicant further represents, that in the service aforesaid, he belonged in his said capacity of a private soldier to Capt Howard's Company of the Sixth Regiment, of the Massachusetts line, that he entered said service on or about the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and that he left said service on or about the twenty fifth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, the war having closed and he having received an honorable which he has lost.

Wherefore, inasmuch as your applicant as he verily believes, comes under the provisions of the act, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," he prays your honor to institute an enquiry into the circumstances of his case, and that such further proceedings may be had touching the premises as are prescribed by law in order that your applicant may be placed on the Pension List of the United States. Dated at Portland, this twenty eighth day of April 1818.

Signed
James Welch


United States of America
 Maine District Ss. Be it known that on the 28th day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally came before me, William Widgery, one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, resident at Portland, within the County of Cumberland, in said Maine District - the said Court being a Court of record of said State, James Welch the above named applicant, and made oath that the several statements by him made in the foregoing application by him signed are true. And the said James Welch further offered in evidence the deposition - Samuel Crockett which is herewith transmitted.

Whereupon it does appear to the satisfaction of me the said Judge, that the said James Welch served in the revolutionary war as alleged in his application, against the common enemy, and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs assistance of his country for support.

In Testimony whereof, I the said Judge, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the said Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cumberland, to be hereunto affixed, this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States the forty second, all which is hereby certified and transmitted.

(Signed) Wm Widgery

Associate Judge of the Circuit Court
 of Common Pleas for the first Eastern
 Circuit of the Commonwealth of Mass^{ts}.



I Samuel Crockett aged sixty seven years of age testify and say that I am well acquainted with James Welch now present - I knew him first in the month of July 1782. He was ^{at} that time a soldier in the army - The way I came to know him was his brother was my intimate and he used to come and see us, I knew him ^{in the army} about eighteen months - (Signed) Samuel Crockett

Subscribed and sworn to this 28th day of April 1818.
 Before me, Wm Widgery Judge

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Cumberland, Ss. I the subscriber, Clerk of the Court in said County, certify that the Hon. William Widgery is an Associate Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, as stated in the annexed Certificate, and that his signature to the same is his own proper signature. In Testimony whereof, I do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, this 30th day of July A.D. 1818.

(Signed) Geo. Bradbury

I Paul Sanborn being now sixty six years of age testify and say that in the year 1778 I enlisted for nine months in the Continental Army and joined Col. Brown's Regt. Capt D Menels Company, about the first of July and served in the same till the eleventh of March 1779, during all that time I knew Samuel Welch who belonged to Capt Wattrins Company of the same Regt. and who served in the same till I was discharged. I left him in the army, he had been about one year and a half in the army when I joined it, having enlisted as I understood for three years. (Signed) Paul Sanborn

Signed and sworn to before Ashur Ware Just Peace

I certify that the above named Sanborn is a credible and disinterested witness.

June 4th 1819.

Ashur Ware

Portland June 4th 1819. Upon application of James Welch an old Soldier in the Revolutionary war, I certify that I was personally knowing to the same James now present, that I frequently mustered said Welch in Capt. Hayward's Company Sixth Regiment - That I know not when he joined the Army - but can testify that he was in service two years and upwards, the impression on my mind is, that to the best of my remembrance he was a faithful Soldier and had an honorable discharge from service.

(Signed)

John R. Smith

Late a Capt. in Rev. Army

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages are numbered from one to four inclusive are truly copied from the originals on file in the Pension Office, War Depart. And I do further certify that it appears from a list of Final Settlement certificates issued by John Pierce Esq. Paymaster General and Commissioner of the Army accounts for the United States, deposited in said Office, That James Welch received three certificates as follows. One for \$46. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ due the 1st January 1782. One for \$80 due the 1st of January 1783. and one for \$80 due the 1st of November 1783.

Ch. Fletcher

I certify that Charles Fletcher, who is employed by the Land Agent of the State of Maine, under a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, approved by the Governor on the 17th of March 1835, to obtain from the Pension Office certain documents and records, has made as full an examination in the case of James Welch as the Books and papers of said Office will allow according to the best of my judgment and belief. Dated at the Pension Office War Department the 29th July 1836.

Geo. W. Brann

Acting Commr. of Pensions